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**Examiner:** D. Jacob Davis  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed June, 16, 2003.  
Please amend the Application as follows:

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action of June 16, 2003, a restriction requirement was set forth as follows:

Group I: corresponding to claims 1-20, 53 and 54 which were said to be directed to a medical device;

Group II: corresponding to claims 21-32, which was said to be drawn to a method of affixing; and

Group III: corresponding to claims 33-52, which was said to be drawn to a method of laser welding.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants provisionally elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-20, 53 and 54.

Within Group 1 the Office Action identifies an additional species restriction of a

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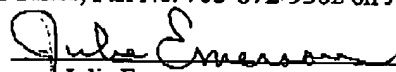
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